

NOMINATION FOR AWARD

AWARD Outstanding Band NCO		CATEGORY (If Applicable) Individual	AWARD PERIOD 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2002
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) SSgt Bryan P. Bishop		SSN (Enter Last 4 Only) 6807	MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU AFMC
DAFSC/DUTY TITLE 3N151R Regional Band Craftsman, Vocalist		NOMINEE'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) DSN 478-7035 COMM (781) 377-7035	
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RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) Captain Matthew S. Henry, DSN 478-2668 COMM (781) 377-2668 matthew.henry@hanscom.af.mil			
SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)			
<p>Overall Effectiveness and Job Accomplishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canny Human Resources Shop Chief; led by example a team of one sergeant and three airmen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Top-notch leadership abilities, communication, coordination and recruiting skills led to the gaining of five critical needs band members; manning shortages treated as challenges and not impediments - Senior vocalist of four assigned, plus eight volunteers; provided insightful guidance/leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Made best use of limited practice time for vocal section preparation; assured mission readiness - Directly managed/supervised/endorsed 16 enlisted personnel assigned to USAF Band of Liberty in diverse/multiple teams including Human Resources, audio-visual, graphic arts, and vocal rehearsals - Vigorous, dynamic entertainer and vocalist in 115 performances before 386,000 audience members in 7-state, 110,000 sq. mi. Geographical Area of Responsibility; 55 days TDY; 160+ hours on stage - Increased skills in computer video production; shows greatly enhanced with visuals supporting AF <p>Leadership/Organizational & Planning Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Driving force and vision behind "The American Hero" Spring 2002 Concert Band tour theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Artistic ingenuity, superb showmanship and exceptional creative prowess led to the success of 15 performances throughout New England and New York for combined audiences of more than 50,000 - Dedicated five hours per month to work with local AF recruiters; took pains to become familiar with recruiter's needs/issues; his experiences as a former recruiter continue to serve well the USAF - Lifetime member of Air Force Association and Air Force Sergeant's Association; sought career broadening outside his area of expertise; gained insights from time spent with other AF professionals - Keynote ESC Speakers Bureau volunteer for No. Andover, (MA) American Legion; inspired 200+ - Completed Emergency Medical Technician Degree in spite of demanding performance/admin schedule - Volunteered 6-10 hours off-duty time monthly to the Massachusetts Adoptions Resources Exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Selected to serve on group's Steering Committee, a position of great trust; worked with officials to help find homes for Massachusetts/New Hampshire children; his endeavors made a difference - In charge of a 30-member adult/20-member youth choir, Ballardvale Christian Church, Andover MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Positive role model--mentored two children in youth choir; provided companionship, wise counsel - Took time from leave to assist local student in career exploration assignment; provided examples from his personal work experiences, offered advice/suggestions, answered student's interview questions - Identified by Shop Chief as "Our most energetic NCO; an example to subordinates and SNCOs alike!" <p>Judgement and Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical producer, advisor and performer for high-visibility, HAFB-sponsored C2ISR Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Designed, assembled and implemented lighting and production plans for entire four-day event -- Supervised a crew of five NCOs and airmen; operated lighting systems valued at over \$250,000 -- Enjoyed complete trust of unit commander; represented CC at all meetings and planning events -- Devoted over 500 on/off duty hours during seven months to ensure overall success of the venture -- Involvement saved AF over \$75K contract equipment and consulting costs; got it done "in house" - Maintained sharp focus on band career field needs and goals; always sought new ways to promote AF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Worked doggedly to insure other AF bands were at full strength; vacancies reduced by over 30% <p>Musical Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentored video productions staff--troubleshoot mechanical/electronics problems; oversaw assemblies - Selfless initiative!--volunteered to work four months out of AFSC as pianist; prevented mission failure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Made an immediate impact; swiftly learned keyboard parts for two different shows intended for high school potential recruits in New York, New Hampshire TDYs; helped deliver AF message - Integral to new band CD--featured vocalist on one song; sang on all four; rehearsed, coached vocalists for off-site recordings; insured smooth transition from initial preparation to finished, polished product - Twice requested to sing anthem for Boston Red Sox; AF talent seen, heard by millions on TV/radio - Band NCO of the Year, 2002, plus selected Band NCO of the Quarter; sterling record of performance 			